

I am honored to congratulate Michelle and Jim Bartlett and A Master's Hands for their commitment to outstanding ethics in business and receiving this very deserved award.

HONORING COACH PAUL PATTERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Coach Paul Patterson on the occasion of his retirement. Coach Patterson has led the Taylor University Men's Basketball team for an incredible 34 years. In that time, he's recorded 734 victories and an astonishing 28 winning seasons.

As he finishes his illustrious career, Coach Patterson is ranked eleventh all-time among men's collegiate basketball coaches in wins, and has won more games than any other collegiate head coach in Indiana's history. Given the Hoosier state's tremendous basketball legacy, Coach Patterson's accomplishment is all the more impressive.

Coach Patterson has not only won games, but also helped form young men who are champions both on and off the court. He has been recognized as the Coach-of-the-Year twelve times, and 24 of his players have been named to the prestigious NAIA All-American team. This outstanding accomplishment is a reflection of the quality and character of Coach Patterson's players as well as his exceptional talent as a coach and mentor. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the time commitment and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and applaud Coach Patterson's years of leadership.

On behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Patterson on the occasion of his retirement. Thank you, Coach, for your 34 years of dedicated leadership with Taylor University. Best wishes to you as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELYN BAMBERSKI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Jacquelyn Bamberski, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Jacquelyn are able to make higher education possible.

Jacquelyn's father, Joseph Bamberski, works in the Delivery Department of Canada Dry. I greatly admire Jacquelyn's hard work at

Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study biology. With her work ethic, I am sure Jacquelyn will achieve her dream of getting her Physical Therapy Doctorate.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Jacquelyn Bamberski and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 26, 2013, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 125 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1765); "no" on rollcall vote No. 126 (on agreeing to the Dent Amendment Number 2 to H.R. 527); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 127 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 527 with instructions); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 128 (on passage of H.R. 527).

HONORING MAUDELL SHIREK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of the Honorable Maudelle Shirek, former City of Berkeley vice mayor and eight-term council member. Known throughout our community as the "godmother of East Bay progressive politics," and the "conscience of the Council," Ms. Shirek has left an indelible mark. With her passing on April 11, 2013, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the inspiring role she played in shaping social change here in the East Bay and throughout the world.

Born on June 18, 1911 Maudelle Miller was raised on a farm in Jefferson, Arkansas. The granddaughter of slaves, she was fundamentally passionate about challenging injustice and championing civil rights. After moving to Berkeley in the 1940s, she became active in fighting for the anti-war movement, the integration of the military, and fair housing. She married political activist Brownlee Shirek in the mid-1960s.

Renowned for her powerful voice and contagious energy, Ms. Shirek broke racial barriers and flexed her leadership at the Berkeley Consumers Co-op Credit Union to secure loans for low-income borrowers and people of color. She fought on behalf of unions, helped organize the Free Mandela Movement, and advocated for HIV/AIDS awareness. She was also the first elected official in the United States to advocate for needle-exchange programs, and was not afraid to chain herself to a building or be hand-cuffed in the name of activism.

During her long tenure as a council member, Berkeley became the first city to divest in companies doing business with South Africa

during Apartheid and the first city to provide domestic benefits to same sex partners. She was instrumental in creating multiple city commissions, including the Berkeley Commission on Labor. When she retired at 92, Councilmember Shirek was the oldest elected official in California at the time and, in 2007, the Berkeley City Council renamed City Hall in her honor.

Above all, Maudelle Shirek was a consummate advocate for the poor, often visiting families in crisis or offering food and household assistance to ailing seniors. Additionally, her advocacy on behalf of youth music programs helped raise crucial public funding to support arts programs for children and older adults.

On a personal note, Maudelle was a friend, mentor, and confidante. I met her in the early 1970s while I was a student at Mills College. She widened my perspective on global politics during our travels around the world including Vienna, Prague, Cuba, and the former Czechoslovakia. She reinforced the idea that we are all part of a global family and that what happens here in the United States affects our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world and vice versa. Moreover, her wise guidance as a lifelong health aficionado helped educate seniors and the entire community regarding the benefits of healthy living and natural remedies. She loved shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables and you would often find her cooking nutritious meals at the West Berkeley Senior Center and New Light Senior Center, which she helped found.

Maudelle was also a woman of great faith whose passion for service and justice was driven by a commitment to what she called, "doing the Lord's work on earth." We enjoyed attending the Church for Today together during the 1970s, and I will never forget the day she introduced me to the late Rev. Dr. W. Hazaiah Williams. The impact that they both had on my life is profound. I will also never forget how Maudelle traveled all the way to Washington, DC to look out for me and offer her support after my lone vote back in 2001.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a stalwart community leader, the Honorable Maudelle Shirek. Her bold legacy of service, spanning over seven decades, will continue to inspire many to speak for the voiceless and to stand up for justice across the globe. I join all of Maudelle's loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and her love of humanity. Her warm and beautiful smile will continue to smile down on us. She will be deeply missed.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. GRACE JONES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Grace Jones on her retirement as President of Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Connecticut. Dr. Jones' exemplary work and dedication to eastern Connecticut's students and her community has contributed greatly to the educational development of our region.

Dr. Jones began her career as a high school physical education and science instructor in Chicago, Illinois. She advanced to higher